FINEDON,

January, 1912.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Finedon Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my seventeenth Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Condition of the Township.

Population. The population last census in 1911 was 3,782, a decrease of 347 on the census of 1901. The number of houses in the Township is 909, and the number inhabited at the time the last census was taken was 827, giving an average of 4.4 persons per house.

Births. The number of births registered during the year was 97 : 51 males and 46 females, giving a rate of 25.6 per 1000 per annum. This rate shows a satisfactory increase. There were no illegitimate births.

Deaths. The number of deaths registered in the district during the year was 49, giving a rate of 12.9 per 1000 per annum. To this number must be added the deaths of five residents who died outside the district, viz.: three in the Union at Wellingborough, one in a private asylum in Camberwell, and one who committed suicide in the Wellingborough district, bringing the total deaths up to 54, and giving a gross rate of 14.2 per 1000 per annum. This is the first time that the deaths of residents dying outside the district have been included in my report. This is the highest rate recorded since the year 1901.

Deaths of Infants. Eight deaths of children under one year of age were registered, giving an infantile death-rate of 82.4 per 1000 births registered. This rate shows a satisfactory decrease, being the lowest, with one exception, since the year 1900. The average rate for the past ten years being 148.1 per 1000 births registered.

Cancer Death-rate Cancer caused three deaths, giving a rate of .7 per 1000 per annum.

Phthisis Death-rate. Phthisis caused four deaths, giving a rate of 1.05 per 1000 per annum.

Respiratory Diseases other than Phthisis. Diseases of the Respiratory Organs other than Phthisis, caused four deaths, giving a rate of 1.05 per 1000 per annum. A satisfactory rate.

Zymotic Disease Death-rate. There was one death from Zymotic Disease: namely, from Puerperal Fever, giving a rate of .2 per 1000 per annum. This is a very satisfactory rate.

Inquests. There were no inquests held in the district during the year.

The ages at which the deaths took place were as follows:—

Under one year,	One and under two years,	Two and under five years,	Five and under fifteen years,	Fifteen and under twenty-five years,
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Twenty-five and under forty-five years,	Forty-five and under sixty-five years,	Sixty-five years and upwards,
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Public Health. The Public Health during the year has been on the whole satisfactory. During the very hot weather, epidemic Diarrhœa was very prevalent amongst young children, and also adults, and caused the deaths of four children, two under one year of age, and two between one and two years of age. A very small percentage considering the large number of cases.

Notifiable Disease. Fifteen cases of Notifiable Disease were reported, viz.: four cases of Erysipelas, eight cases of Scarlet Fever, one case of Puerperal Fever, one case of Enteric Fever, and one case of Phthisis in a patient in receipt of outdoor relief from the Guardians.

There were two deaths, viz.: the case of Puerperal Fever and the case of Phthisis. No cause could be found for the case of Enteric Fever, which occurred in Ewenfield Road. The water supply, though deficient in quantity, was on analysis found to be good.

The Scarlet Fever cases were of a very mild type, and the control of the epidemic was not difficult.

Whooping Cough was prevalent during the last two months, and the Education Authority, on the advice of the School Medical Officer, ordered the Infant Departments to be closed three weeks before Christmas.

There were also a few cases of Chicken Pox, but the disease did not become epidemic.

Acts of Parliament.

The administration of the Midwives' Act calls for no comment. The case of Puerperal Fever did not occur in the practice of a midwife.

Factory & Workshops' Act.

The Factories, Workshops and Outworkers' premises have been inspected, and it has not been necessary to make any report to H.M. Inspector, or to take any legal steps to enforce the Act. Three accidents were reported during the year.

Housing & Town-planning Act.

Inspections have been made and reports laid before you on properties situated in High Street, Berry Green, Church Street, and Well Street; forty-two houses in all.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply has been ample and good. The water of 37 wells has been analysed during the year, and the water of seven has been found unfit for drinking and domestic purposes.

Milk Supply.

No fault has been found with the Milk Supply, which is entirely local in origin.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that Nuisances have been found in connection with and remedied :—

55 Water Closets.	6 Pigstyes.
12 Sink Drains.	5 Accumulations of Rubbish.
17 other Drains.	2 Stable Floors.
15 Inspection Chambers.	1 Catchpit.

That three new Water Closets have been connected to the Sewer.

That ten houses have been disinfected.

That the Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops, Slaughter-houses, Butchers-shops, and Bake-houses have been visited and inspected, and limewashing ordered where necessary.

That the Schools have been thoroughly disinfected during the holidays.

No complaints have been received by me on the way the Scavenging of the Town has been done. It would, however, be much better if proper receptacles were provided for the house refuse.

All the Factories in the Town are now occupied, and work is plentiful, so that many of our empty houses ought soon to be inhabited, and the idea removed that Finedon is a decaying town.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I must thank you for the increase of salary you voted me at your last Meeting.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. BURLAND,

Medical Officer of Health.